

Air Force Prime Time, a weekly news magazine for and about airmen stationed overseas, airs Thursday evenings at 8:25 p.m. Central European Time on AFN television. In this week's edition, the show is dedicated to Air Force reservists and guardsmen, highlighting the first Air National Guard recruiter in U.S. Air Forces in Europe and more.



News briefs

Change of command

The 52nd Support Group holds a change of command June 14 at 3:30 p.m. in building 763.

Col. Gregg Sanders turns over the reigns of the support group to Col. Ian P. O'Connell, who comes to Spangdahlem Air Base from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., where he is the 56th Support Group deputy commander.

Sanders leaves Spangdahlem AB for Osan Air Base, Korea, where he takes over as the 51st Fighter Wing vice commander.

Mail hold

Postal regulations require parcels not claimed within 15 days to be returned to the sender. To prevent this from happening while on leave or TDY, postal customers should complete a PS Form 2258, "Temporary Mail Disposition Instruction," before departing the area.

By using the form, customers may elect to have their mail held or forwarded. Also, filling out a PS Form 3801, "Standing Delivery Order," allows a friend temporary authorization to pick up mail.

Club cards

Members deployed more than 30 days to a base without a club, such as some bases in Southwest Asia, can take a copy of their orders to their assigned base club and have their dues suspended until they return. Call Lynda Bidderman at 452-6992 for details.

Instructors wanted

The 52nd Communications Squadron seeks people with knowledge in Microsoft Office applications to instruct software training programs. Classes include software installation and configuration; beginner and intermediate Word, PowerPoint and Excel; beginner; intermediate and advanced Access; Hyper Text Markup Language; Web development; and FrontPage.

Classes take place during regular duty hours. For more information, call the 52nd Fighter Wing Software Training Office at 452-5384.

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eAirman 1st Class Michelle S. Roquid

Memorial Day celebration

Members of the Spangdahlem Air Base honor guard present the colors at a Memorial Day ceremony May 24 on Spangdahlem Air Base. In keeping with the holiday theme, AFN airs the broadcast premiere of "Saving Private Ryan" Tuesday at 8 p.m. Preceding it at 7:30 is a World War II documentary, "Into the Breach."

Buechel AB dining facility named best in Air Force

Buechel Air Base's Eagle's Nest offers top-notch lunchtime treatment despite a multitude of challenges, according to Air Force officials who recently named it the winner of the Hennessy Trophy in the small unit category.

Acquiring more than \$60,000 worth of new appliances, offering customer-requested menu items and doing more than \$7,000 worth of self-help dining area improvements are just some of the ways the food services team caters to their customer's needs.

According to Staff Sgt. Jennifer Baker, dining facility shift leader, the new kitchen equipment not only increased productivity, but also played a big part in raising flight morale.

"It was frustrating working with equipment that was often non-operational," Baker said. "Getting the new equipment has made us very happy. We can now do our jobs without

having to worry about something breaking down in the middle of the cooking process."

Additionally, the facility was lauded for maintaining the highest ratings in health and sanitation reports conducted monthly by the base medical technician inspections.

"All Eagle's Nest employees, including our German-nationals, are on the same page when it comes to keeping the place in excellent shape," said Staff Sgt. Barry Perkins, facility dining room manager. "The result is that the 'Nest' stays spotless. It would be hard to maintain such high health standards without (the German-nationals)."

To further please customers, the food services members increased the variety of freshly baked pastries, added Belgian

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AFN decoder customers need to upgrade system

By Roger Williams
AFN Europe Public Affairs

American Forces Network decoder customers need to perform a free decoder software upgrade between now and Aug. 7.

As AFN continues to expand and improve satellite services, this software download is necessary for the early August expansion of AFN services with the creation of AFN News and AFN Sports television services.

By using the remote control, check the decoder's internal settings before beginning the download process.

The settings may be incorrect if customers are viewing other-than-AFN satellite channels.

Downloading the software will take about 15 minutes. Viewers won't be able to use the decoder during software upgrade while in the "off" mode.

By following these easy directions, AFN decoder customers can perform the software download in 10 to 15 minutes and resume watching their favorite programs.

Software download procedures

This message applies to all customers who receive the

AFN signals via the Scientific Atlanta Power-Vu model 9234 decoder.

AFN is offering a new 3.20 version of the operating system software that will update the decoder and enhance system performance. People must download this software any time before Aug. 7. Carefully follow this software download procedure:

1. From the "main menu," move the cursor up to

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Accidents

By Staff Sgt. Cassandra Watts
52nd Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis

A German driver, heading north on L-39, hit an American driving a 1984 BMW, head-on. The American driver failed to see anyone approaching when he negotiated a left turn from K-33 to L-39.

Both drivers unsuccessfully tried to avoid the collision. The front passenger and a 1-year-old child, who were riding in the BMW, were transported to the hospital for possible injuries. Both vehicles were disabled and towed from the scene.

Another American driver, who was operating a rental car, lost control of the vehicle and drove into the ditch while negotiating a turn on L-39. The accident occurred at a 180-degree bend after the railroad tracks toward the town of Bitburg. There were no injuries. Additional information about this accident is not available due to the ongoing investigation.

Besides the two major accidents, there were five minor accidents. Two resulted from unsafe backing and three resulted from inattentive driving.

Traffic citations are still on the rise. There were 53 issued during this week alone. Seventeen members of the 52nd Fighter Wing were cited within a one-hour timespan for speeding on B-50, near the road construction outside of Binsfeld, and 11 of those cited will walk for 180 days as a result.

Many of the tickets issued by security forces go to repeat offenders. When you get behind the wheel of a vehicle, remember to use common sense. Those who continue to follow the rules of the road they learned when they received their licenses will also continue to enjoy the freedom to explore Europe.



Senior Airman Esperanza Berrios

606th ... are you ready?

Staff Sgt. Jesse Crandall, left, and Airman 1st Class Randall Merrihew, 606th Air Control Squadron, participate in cover, concealment, individual movement and target identification training May 24. Spangdahlem Air Base's 606th ACS, which is tasked to support NATO operations with mobile air surveillance radar and aircraft control, shut down several squadron operations for the day so nearly everyone in the unit could participate in the readiness-day training. This type of instruction is essential to the survival of the 606th, considering it is responsible for its own base defense during field deployments.

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"receiver status" and push "select." This will access the "receiver status" menu.

2. From the "receiver status" menu, cursor up to "user setup" and push "select." This will access the "user setup" menu.

3. From the "user setup" menu, cursor up to "network presets" and push "select." This will access the "network presets" menu.

4. Check the "use NIT" block on this menu page. It should indicate "yes." If it reads "no," cursor up to the "use NIT" block and press the "select" button to change it to "yes."

5. Move the cursor to "exit" and push "select." You will be prompted to save the settings: a box will appear and you will be asked to push 1 for "yes", 2 for "no" or 3 to "cancel." Press 1. Move the cursor to "exit" and press "select." Repeat this step as prompted as you exit through all the menus.

Note: Be sure to put the decoder in this (use NIT yes) mode prior to performing the procedure.

6. With the decoder still locked to the incoming signal, tune any AFN channel.

7. After the decoder locks on a channel, simply press the "on/standby" button on the front of the decoder or press power from the remote control. The decoder will determine if a software upgrade is needed.

a. If the decoder does not need new software, it simply remains in the "off" mode when the "on/standby" button is

pressed. Pressing the "on/standby" button again will turn the decoder back on without any further disruption in service. (Recently purchased or rented decoders may not need the download.)

b. If the decoder determines a software upgrade is needed, the download process will begin automatically. The screen will go black and lines of data will appear on your television screen. This procedure will take up to 15 minutes for each decoder requiring a download. Do not interrupt this downloading process.

8. Once the download is completed, the decoder will turn back "on" to the channel previously selected.

While this is a simple process to perform, doing it incorrectly could disable the decoder. The decoder would then have to be sent back to the manufacturer for repair at owner's expense.

Customers can contact the AFN Europe Network Operations Center in Germany commercial 069-15688444, DSN 329-4444 or AFRTS Broadcast Center staff, 24-hours a day, seven days a week at U.S. commercial (909) 413-2339 or DSN312 348-1339 for help with the download process.

Information is also available at the AFN Europe Web site at www.afneurope.army.mil.

E-mail your questions, concerns and comments to: afnfn@afn.frankfurt.army.mil, or doee@dodmedia.osd.mil. (U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)

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Marquee letters

Public affairs asks units with letters for the marquee to return them to building 23 as soon as possible. Lately, a few messages couldn't be posted because of missing letters. For more information, call PA at 452-6012

Airman gets 14 years confinement, dishonorable discharge

A panel of officer and enlisted members sentenced Senior Airman Antoinette E. Johnson, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, to 14 years confinement, a dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and reduction to E-1 in a general court-martial Wednesday.

Earlier the same day, the panel found Johnson guilty of two specifications of assault with the intent to commit voluntary manslaughter and three specifications of assault and battery -- one an assault on a law enforcement officer in the performance of her duties.

The charges against Johnson stemmed from an altercation with Airmen 1st Class Amy Wheeler and Nichole Wesolowski in the Spangdahlem Air Base armory in October. Johnson removed a 9mm pistol from a weapon rack in the armory, chambered a round, and was threatening to shoot the two security forces members. Wheeler, an on-duty security forces member, shot

Johnson in self-defense. Wesolowski, also with the security forces, was off-duty at the time. Four of the charges and ultimate findings of guilt resulted from the armory altercation. The remaining assault charge occurred earlier that same month in Wheeler's dormitory room.

Johnson was credited with 212 days of time served because she has been in pre-trial confinement since October at the Mannheim Confinement Facility.

Courts-martial

Two airmen were recently convicted of drug-related misconduct under Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice in separate special courts-martial.

Airman 1st Class Jeremy J. Tharp, 52nd Supply Squadron, pleaded guilty to using illegal mushrooms and Ecstasy on more than one occasion. The judge in the special court-martial May 18 sentenced Tharp to 45-days confinement, reduction to airman basic and a bad conduct discharge.

Senior Airman Derek J. Couturier, 52nd SUPS, pleaded guilty to multiple uses of marijuana and illegal mushrooms. He also pleaded guilty to distributing illegal mushrooms on one occasion. The judge in the special court-martial May 23 sentenced Couturier to 75-days confinement, reduction to airman basic and a bad conduct discharge.

Spangdahlem kicks off annual safety campaign

***'Survival Syd',
'Surv-Eifel Mania'
highlight
combined AFN-Eifel,
safety office effort***

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

After six months of gray wintry skies, sun in Germany's Eifel region is a reason to celebrate. But, it's also time for increased accidents as military families stationed here play hard, attempting to soak in every precious ultraviolet ray.

Helping 52nd Fighter Wing families keep safety in mind, AFN-Eifel and the wing safety office have teamed together to put "Surv-Eifel Mania" and "Safety Syd" on local radio and TV.

The radio call-in game show Surv-Eifel Mania airs 6-9 a.m. each Friday on the 105.1 FM morning show through Sept. 3. Points accrued for correctly answering summer safety questions are added to unit safety-record competition Battle of the Groups scores. The unit with the lowest score sponsors the wing end-of-summer picnic Sept. 14.

AFN-Eifel will also broadcast nine different television commercials throughout the 101 Days of Summer, featuring "Syd," a rugged, safety-minded guy from the Australian Outback and his friend Sheila. The campaign focuses on common Eifel-region activities, including motorcycling, bicycling, camping, sports, gardening and vacation driving.

Survival Syd is the brainchild of Tech. Sgt. Sandra Brown, Detachment 9 continuity NCOIC.



Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey

Staff Sgt. Julianne Messer and Tech. Sgt. Sandra Brown, AFN Eifel, create "Survival Syd", who, along with Surv-Eifel Mania on Eifel 105 radio, is part of the 101 Critical Days of Summer Campaign. AFN-Eifel joined forces with the 52nd Fighter Wing Safety Office for this year's safety campaign.

"I get a lot of my creative ideas in the car," Brown said. "It makes good use of all that quiet time you have driving back and forth on B-50."

The artistic touches behind Survival Syd come from Staff Sgt. Julianne Messer, Det. 9 producer, who has a degree in illustration communications design.

"I've wanted to let her loose on an artistic project for a long time," Brown said.

"So, I've been playing kindergarten all

week, working with crayons and construction paper," joked Messer while creating the set.

The 2001 campaign marks AFN-Eifel's third year in stressing summer safety as a combined effort. Last year's 105.1 Days of Summer Survival campaign won AFN a consecutive Defense Department Thomas Jefferson command information campaign award.

"It's tricky coming up with new ways of

presenting the same topics every year in a way that the information will stick in the head," said Senior Master Sgt. Roberts, Det. 9 chief.

"When I'm out on the ball field this summer and I hear someone quoting Syd saying, 'No worries, Mate,' then I know we've done our job."

Another summer safety event taking place this year is the safety camp July 10-13, sponsored by the safety office.

Combined seminar creates understanding about mid-air collision avoidance for fliers

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

In a combined, cooperative effort, local U.S. and German air force members and representatives of more than 10 German aeronautical clubs shared concerns of preventing mid-air collisions in a seminar held May 24 on Spangdahlem Air Base.

Throughout the day, civilian pilots learned about local military aircraft, experienced flying an F-16 in a flight simulator, used night vision goggles and viewed cargo planes and the German Tornado fighter jet out on the flightline.

"The objective of this seminar is to help us understand each other's usual flying areas and understand each other's aircraft so we may work together better in sharing the same airspace and providing a safe flying environment for everybody," said Col. Michael Beard, 52nd Operations Group commander.

According to statistics, 99 percent of mid-air collisions take place within five miles of an airport or air base.

"The No. 1 factor is the failure to see and avoid," said Maj. Brenda Cook of the 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron. "This is because the efficiency of a visual scan is low and the body's reaction time to collision avoidance may take too long."

From the time the eye detects an object on the horizon to the time it takes to register the information neurologically, an approaching aircraft flying at 600 knots has already traveled 405 feet, Cook explained. By the time the pilot recognizes the object is an airplane, the aircraft has traveled more than 1,200 feet and within the time the pilot has decided what to do, the aircraft has traveled about 3,000 feet. By the time a nervous response takes place in the muscles, another five seconds have gone by and the approaching aircraft has traveled seven-tenths of a mile. If the approaching aircraft isn't noticed early enough, a collision may not be avoided.

Pross Manfred, a glider pilot from the Pirmasens Aeroclub, said the seminar helped him understand the importance of calling in flight plans before takeoff to avoid mid-air surprises. Also, experiencing the F-16 simulator helped him understand of the importance of maintaining safe distances from fighter jet airspace.

"The handling (of an F-16) is totally different. It travels straight ahead at high speeds and with us, what would take a couple of minutes to turn, in a jet takes just a few seconds," Manfred said.

Although Manfred doesn't usually call in his plan before taking off for a routine flight, he said he plans to do so in the future and will suggest to his fellow pilots they do so as well.

Local pilots flying north of Spangdahlem AB toward Belgium and south of the base toward Lauter, Germany, may encounter 52nd Fighter Wing F-16s and A-10s flying sorties or enroute to target practice, said Beard.

The F-16, with a 10-meter wingspan, usually flies at a



Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
Capt. Detlev Nieswand, a German air force Tornado pilot assigned to Buechel Air Base, Germany, talks with members of a local aero club during the combined mid-air collision seminar held at Spangdahlem Air Base May 24.

medium altitude of 15,000 feet and averages 350 knots. The A-10, with its 17-meter wingspan, usually flies at about 10,000 feet and averages 260-300 knots. Civilian pilots should also keep alert for A-10s flying low-altitude visual flight rules.

Wing aircraft usually fly in two-ship or four-ship formation.

"Very seldom will you see only one pilot," said Beard. "If you see one, start looking because there's usually another one out there."

In two-ship formation, the aircraft fly side-by-side at one to two miles apart. The A-10 two-ship formation is often flown at about a 30-degree angle from one another.

In four-ship formation, the aircraft fly one to two miles apart from the sides and back, forming a rectangular pattern. Pilots flying near Ramstein Air Base are likely to encounter any one of the 86th Airlift Wing's cargo aircraft. The C-130, with a 130-foot wingspan, averages five departures daily toward the north, west or east of Ramstein AB Monday through Friday.

Low-level visual flight rules training also takes place about twice weekly around Nuremburg and Grafenwohr, Germany, at a minimum altitude of 500-feet. C-130s commonly fly in three- and four-ship formations at two to

three miles apart.

Other 86th AW aircraft sharing Ramstein AB airspace include the C-5, C-9, C-17, C-20 and C-21.

"Although you're not required to have communications with Ramstein when you go into military airspace, it's appreciated when you do just so we all know where everyone is, said Capt. Casey Moore, 86th AW flight safety officer.

The German air force Tornados take off from Buechel Air Base, Germany, executing three sorties daily Monday through Thursday and one sortie each Friday. Pilots follow various routes throughout Germany averaging 420-480 knots at an altitude of 1,000 feet for low-level flights and about 1,500 feet during routine flying missions.

The best countermeasures to avoid mid-air collisions include effective mission planning and briefing. Before takeoff, Cook suggests pilots do the following:

- Find out what aircraft to expect in the area.
- Call in flight plans so other pilots know to expect your aircraft.
- Constantly change focal points so the eyes don't relax and shorten their visual focal range.
- Maintain open communications with other area aircraft.
- Understand and expect visual limitations.

Commissary surcharge nets positive effect

Five percent added to grocery bill helps pay for supplies, building upkeep

By Gerri Young
Defense Commissary Agency Public Affairs

Shoppers often ask why they have to pay the 5 percent surcharge, what exactly is it and what it is used for.

To clear any confusion, here are the basic facts about the DeCA surcharge:

■ Surcharge history is traced back to 1879, but the first real surcharge was 2 percent in 1952. In 1974, Congress declared that, to fund construction and improvements to commissaries, a 3 percent surcharge would be placed on every transaction. In 1976, it was raised to 4 percent and in 1983, to 5 percent where it remains today.

■ The surcharge isn't a tax and goes into a special fund primarily used for renovation of old stores and construction of new stores.

■ The surcharge fund also pays for

buying supplies such as paper and plastic bags, meat wrapping, register tapes, and all store equipment and maintenance.

The positive effect of the surcharge can best be expressed in simple terms. While it provides funds to build, alter and maintain commissaries, it also enables this construction to be carried out at no additional cost in tax dollars. This most visible effect of surcharge dollars in the European Region since 1997 has been the building of six brand new stores and the

installation of a modern checkout system in every one of the 62 European commissaries.

"The surcharge is clearly marked on each register tape," said Robert Tate, DeCA Europe director. "No matter where you shop or how many times you move throughout Europe, your dollars spent on surcharge come back to the customer in the form of well run, modern facilities. It's all part of our goal of satisfying our customers." (U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)

Two Eifel students awarded DeCA Europe scholarships

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — The waiting is over for eager military high school students selected as winners in the Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Foundation Scholarship program.

The European Region produced 59 winners, two from the Eifel, from 393 applications representing the 10 countries covered by this region. Store directors are now in the process of notifying their winners and setting up appropriate presentation ceremonies.

Andrew Schenck won through the Bitburg Annex commissary and Kimberly McLear through the Spangdahlem AB commissary, although both attend Bitburg High School.

In a ceremony Thursday, the students were each presented a poster, a lapel pin and a certificate. Parents of the students will also receive the lapel pin. The actual scholarship checks will be sent in mid-summer.

Every European commissary that collected applications from local students received at least one \$1,500 scholarship to present. Ramstein AB and Heidelberg commissaries received three and two, respectively, based on the large number of applications received at store level.

"DeCA Europe is very proud to be a part of this worthwhile scholarship program," said Robert Tate, region director.

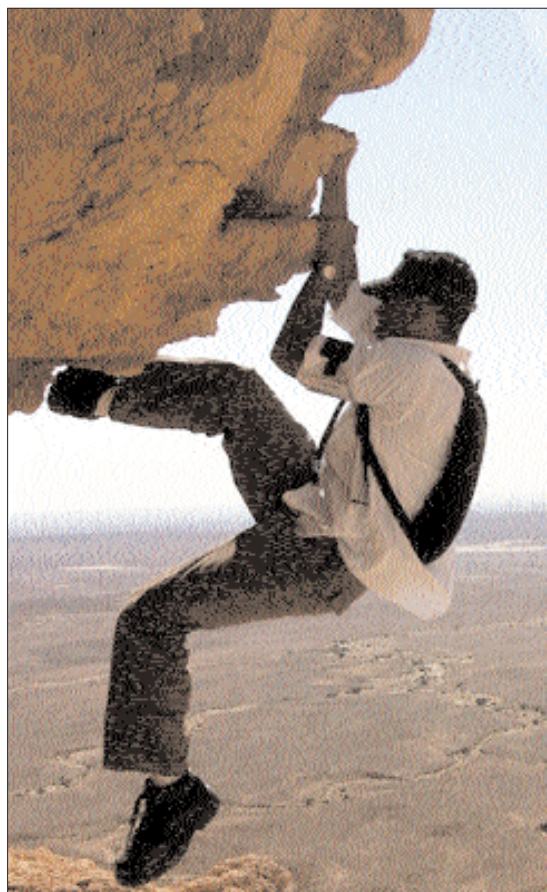
"The Defense Commissary Agency, the Fisher House Foundation and our industry sponsors who provided the financing for this program, believe strongly in the future of our military family members," he continued. "It is a great pleasure to be able to help these students with a good start in their adult lives."

The scholarship management company that handled all the administrative details and selection of the winners indicated this was one of the highest caliber competitions they had seen in 20 years.

The average grade point average exceeded 3.5 for both college and high school applicants and most applicants were members of the National Honor Society or the dean's list. The company selected 391 winners worldwide from more than 5,000 applications.

The funds for the scholarships came from 13 manufacturers or organizations that supply products to the commissaries worldwide. (U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)

Edge of the world
ESKAN VILLAGE,
Southwest Asia --
Airman Adrian
Rodriguez hangs out
above "The Edge of
the World," the
destination of a recent
trip sponsored by the
Eskan Village Chapel
for people deployed to
the base. The chapel
and 320th
Expeditionary Services
Squadron frequently
sponsor trips for
people to explore local
culture. Currently, the
52nd Fighter Wing has
41 people in Southwest
Asia supporting Air
Expeditionary Forces 4
and 5.



2nd Lt. Dave Wilson

ALS graduates 48 airmen

By Staff Sgt. Mary Snead
Pitsenburger Airman Leadership School

Senior Airman Kimberly Armijo received top honors among 47 other students graduating from Airman Leadership School, Class 01-5.

During the May 18 graduation ceremony, the 52nd Mission Support Squadron member received the John L. Levitow and the academic achievement award.

Senior Airman Milton E. Hyman Jr. of the 52nd Operations Support Squadron earned the class leadership award.

Distinguished graduates were Senior Airmen Eric Traylor, 81st Fighter Squadron; Cory Thoennes, 52nd Transportation Squadron; Bradley Smith, 52nd Communications Squadron; and Victoria Collins, 52nd Comptroller Squadron.

Other senior airmen graduating were:

Eagle Flight

Kassandra Watts, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; Bradley Smith, 52nd CS; Douglas Abel, 22nd Fighter Squadron; Tiofelio Abito, 606th Air Control Squadron; Latitia R. Austin, 52nd Fighter Wing; David Baughman, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Victoria Ann Collins, 52nd CPTS; Jacqueline Faulk, 752nd Munitions Support Squadron; Brian Gierczic, 852nd MUNSS; William Houston, 23rd FS; Jeremy Linder, 52nd Component

Repair Squadron; Jean Magee, 52nd MUNSS; Sean McPherson, 81st FS; Clinton Matthews, 52nd Medical Support Squadron; Cory Thoennes, 52nd TRNS, and James Vance, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron.

Falcon Flight

Timothy Huff, 606th ACS; Eric Brooks, 52nd CS; Tamu Rios, 52nd MDG; William Brinker, 852nd MUNSS; Robbie Britton, 52nd CRS; Bret Wayne Caswell, 606th ACS; Jerry W. Graham Jr., 752nd MUNSS; Paul Hastings, 52nd CES; Milton Hyman Jr., 52nd Operations Support Squadron; Chad Jensen, 23 FS; William Koch III, 81st FS; Joslyn Sarte, 606th ACS; Jamie Taylor, 22nd FS; Alf Thompson, 52nd EMS, and Stephen Zimmerman, 52nd CS.

Warthog Flight

Eric Traylor, 81st FS; Joshua Story, 52nd EMS; Felisa Acevedo, 752nd MUNSS; Clifton Bright, 52nd Dental Squadron; Faniko Brown, 52nd CS; Edwin Fouts, 52nd CPTS; Scott Fitzgerald, 52nd CRS; Raina Gallardo, 23rd FS; Steven Jandzinski, 52nd Operations Group; Michael Lewis, 606th ACS; Anthony Matlock, 52nd CS; Lanelle Scott, 52nd DS; Nina Sellers, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron; James Snead, 752nd MUNSS; James Thurber, 22nd FS, and Christopher Yager, 22nd FS.

Buechel

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waffles to the weekly menu and implemented a healthy-choices food menu.

"We continually try to cater to our customer's needs," Perkins said. "Our customers understand there's only so much we can do, but they also seem to appreciate our efforts. We get a lot of positive input via e-mail or customer comment cards and we seriously consider their suggestions."

Arriving in January, Master Sgt. Lisa Grimmer, the Eagle's Nest newest superintendent, said her first impression of the small facility was the "cozy atmosphere" employees maintain for their customers. This was done by taking advantage of Spangdahlem Air Base's self-help program. Eagle's Nest employees decorated the dining room with more than \$1,500 worth of indoor and outdoor plants to enhance the facility entrance, painted and recarpeted two offices and a hallway, and decorated dining area tables with colorful new cloths. A surround-sound stereo system was also installed for customer enjoyment.

To help keep the atmosphere welcoming, Grimmer said she'd

eventually like to get the facility's 13-year-old dining room professionally updated and renovated.

The Eagle's Nest also incorporated a training plan, ensuring all service staff members are properly trained and up-to-date on current food service issues. According to Perkins, working in the food services flight at Buechel AB offers newcomers a unique opportunity to gain job knowledge and experience not usually available at other bases. This is because there's usually less staff members in each flight at geographically separated units like Buechel, so newcomers get the chance to work in more than one area and become proficient in a variety of tasks.

The dining manager's favorite achievement; however, is keeping within 2 percent of the flight's monthly budget for more than two years.

After duty hours, Eagle's Nest employees also contribute their services by participating in unit fund-raisers and Spangdahlem AB-sponsored events, including the 52nd Services Squadron Extreme Summer kick off, the U.S. TOPS IN BLUE concert and the U.S. Air Forces in Europe talent show.



Community Mailbox

Beer stein signing

A King master painter signs beer steins 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in the Spangdahlem Air Base Main Exchange. Call 452-6851 for more information.

TKS Cable moves

TKS Cable is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily in the Bitburg Annex Main Exchange Power Zone section. It's also open 1-6 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday in the Spangdahlem Air Base BX Power Zone. Call 06561-948945 or 06565-933844 for more information.

SSEMC News

- Black forest trip, June 9. Cost is \$25.
- Paris trip, July 14. Cost is \$65.

Call Shawn Hamilton, event coordinator, at 06575-959135 for trip details or to register.

■The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club membership meeting takes place at 6 p.m. June 13 at Spangdahlem Middle School. Call Sue Sweeney at 06565-942245 by June 9 for reservations.

Dessert theater

An interactive murder mystery with a 1920s theme takes place at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the community center ballroom. The show is free. Dessert will be served for \$3.50. People who come dressed for a part are automatically entered for door prizes.

Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Activities Center at 452-7381 for show information. Call the Internet Café at 452-5326 to reserve a special dessert selection.

Summer day camp

The Cub Scouts local chapter seeks volunteers to help with summer day camp July 9-14. Specifically, the Scouts need nature, sports and outdoor directors, and den leaders. The camp is designed to encourage and teach boys to use leadership skills. Call Gary Hackl at 06553-1745 or John Kennedy at 06561-948843 for details or to sign up.

The Age of the Dinosaur Day Camp costs \$45 per Scout or \$52 for new Scouts. The week includes archery, nature skills, crafts, BB-gun marksmanship, digging for dinosaur bones and eggs, sports and games. Daily bus transportation is provided to and from the camp for Spangdahlem AB and the Bitburg Annex.

CDC summer camp

Eifel Child Development Centers sponsors a summer camp for ages 3-5 Monday through July 27. Children must be 3 years old and be potty trained. Call 452-6697 or 452-9212 for details.

Family support center news

The following classes take place in building 2001 on the Bitburg Annex. Call 452-9491 for details or to register.

- Tap seminar, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 12-15.
- Resume writing, 5-7 p.m. Tuesday and 8-11 a.m. June 19.
- Local employment workshop, 1-3 p.m. Thursday.
- Federal job application workshop, 8-11

a.m. Tuesday.

- Home buying, 6-8 p.m. June 12.
- CSB/Redux briefing, 8-10 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Wednesday.
- Air Force as a second language, 1-2 p.m. June 19.
- Traveling with children, 1-2 p.m. June 13.
- Creative Critters, 10-11 a.m. Monday, June 11, 18 and 25.

■The FSC book club discusses "Gap Creek," by Robert Morgan, 6-8 p.m. June 19.

The following classes take place in building 307 on Spangdahlem AB. Call 452-6422 to register or for more information.

- European jobseekers, noon to 1 p.m. June 25.
- Sponsorship training, 3-4 p.m. Thursday.
- Mommy and Me craft, 10-11 a.m. Monday.

Antique market

The Bitburg High School Sunshine Club antique and craft market takes place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the school cafeteria. Call 452-9202 or 452-9337 for details.

Volksmarching

The Eifel Wanderers meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Zum Stein Gast Haus in Metterich. New members are welcome.

Learning new skills

The 52nd Services Squadron skills development center offers the following classes in May in Bitburg Annex building 2002. Call 452-9316 for details or to register.

- Basket weaving, 5-9 p.m. June 14. Cost

is \$25, plus \$15 for supplies.

- Four-week beginners quilting class, 6-8 p.m. each Monday June 25-July 16. Cost is \$25.

The following classes take place in Spangdahlem Air Base building 189. Call 452-6841 for details or to register.

- Two-day auto mechanics class, 5-7 p.m. June 13 and 27. Cost is \$20.

Education office news

■The Embry-Riddle University course statistics with aviation applications begins Tuesday. Also, a course on flight physiology begins June 9. Call 452-7553 to register.

■Register now for Air War College non-resident studies. The college features special programs for active-duty, Guard, Reserve members and some officer ranks.

■Veterans Education Assistance Program participants are eligible to convert to the Montgomery GI Bill through Oct. 31. Certain eligible active-duty members have the opportunity to increase Chapter 30 benefits by \$5,400 by making a maximum contribution of \$600.

■Active-duty members under the Montgomery GI Bill can enhance their benefits up to \$5,400 by contributing an additional \$600 in their present MGIB. The offer isn't available to members who converted from VEAP.

Call the base education office at 452-6063 for more information.

New stamps

The Spangdahlem Air Base Post Office sells stamps featuring "Peanuts" characters. Cost is 34-cents per stamp. Call 452-7182 for more information.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Bitburg Castle

Today

Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles (PG)

An Australian named Mick and his American friend Sue are headed to Hollywood to investigate the mystery of a murder that leads to a movie studio. (Language and violence.)

Saturday

Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles

Sunday

See Spot Run (PG)

Duncan finds himself with a new animal in his life — an FBI agent's drug-sniffing dog, which has escaped from a witness protection program and mobsters are in hot pursuit for him. When the runaway canine seeks refuge in Gordon's truck, it's the beginning of a wild adventure. Starring David Arquette and Michael Clarke. (Crude humor, language and violence.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Traffic (R)

A Mexican policeman, Javier, works on the Mexican/U.S. border, with his friend and fellow policeman Manolo. Confronted with temptations of power and money, Javier resists them, but finds himself and Manolo caught in a web of corruption. Starring Michael Douglas and Don Cheadle. (Drug content, language, violence and sensuality.)

Thursday

Down To Earth (PG-13)

When Lance finds himself at heaven's door, he is convinced there's been a mistake. Miraculously he's right, so a heavenly agent places him into the corpse of a rich Manhattan mogul who has just been murdered by his wife. Starring Chris Rock and Regina King. (Language, sexual humor and drug references.)

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Driven (PG-13)

A young hot-shot driver is in the middle of a championship season and is coming apart at the seams. A former champion is called into give him guidance. Starring Sylvester Stallone and Kip Pardue.

Saturday

Driven

Sunday

Hannibal (R)

After having successfully eluded the authorities for years, Hannibal flees to his homeland in America to once again make contact with disgraced Agent Clarice Starling. Starring Sir Anthony Hopkins and Julianne Moore. (Violence, terror and language.)

Monday

The Mexican (R)

A man tries to transport an ancient gun called The Mexican, which is believed to carry a curse, back across the border. All the while his girlfriend pressures him to give up his criminal ways. Starring Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts. (Violence and language.)

Tuesday

Say It Isn't So (R)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 452-9441.

Happy Mosel -- make way for bikers

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The Mosel valley becomes a haven for bicycle enthusiasts June 10 when roads between Cochem and Schweich belong to bicyclists only.

German officials explain the 140-kilometer stretch will be closed to traffic for about eight hours, reconstructing the area into a recreational center. According to organizers, several thousand people are expected to participate in this sporting event.

Dubbed "Happy Mosel," it is the largest event of its kind on the Mosel and the longest organized bicycle route in Europe.

More than 50 villages along the Mosel Wine Street will provide a variety of entertainment such as bands, folk dancing performances, children's entertainment, several types of markets, open wine cellars and more. Anybody is eligible to join in the fun and either bike or walk from town to town.

Original food specialties of the Mosel region, as well as homemade goodies, wine and champagne can be found on the Mosel people's patios, at various stands, gasthauses and at wine cellars. Happy Mosel sporting events include demonstrations and performances by world-famous top athletes in soccer, volleyball and tennis. Children may enjoy different games, pony rides, face painting, puppet theater performances and more.



Iris Reiff

Steven Hall pumps air into his bicycle prior to taking off for the 2001 Happy Mosel Day.

Central opening events will take place in the town of Bruttig-Funkel this year, where numerous activities will kick off the Happy Mosel spectacle. Other major activities are scheduled in Zell, Traben-Trarbach, Bernkastel-Kues and Neumagen-Dhron. The Mosel town of Kesten offers a scenic 10-kilometer panorama bicycling trek from Wittlich to Kesten. For more information

on this track and on other events in Kesten, call 06535-321.

Bikers can enjoy the entertainment and food offered by German club members along the way. Some German stores in the Mosel towns will be open Sunday. Special bus service by the Rhein-Mosel-Verkehrsgesellschaft RMV will run from Morbach/Riedenbach to Muelheim, from Ulmen and Kaisersesch to Cochem and from Wittlich to Lieser and return, all day long.

People are encouraged not to use their own cars, but use public transportation if possible. A good start-off point for bicyclists might be the town of Schweich where people may park and start bicycling. However, starting it off from Lieser, Bernkastel or another Mosel town is just as good. For those who intend to take the train toward Cochem and Koblenz, Wittlich is the closest recommended departure train station to depart from for Spangdahlem people. Happy Mosel will be a paradise for athletes, volksmarchers, bikers, friends of wine and nature. People should be sure to bring a camera to get some souvenir shots of the popular Happy Mosel, which is in its fourth year.

For more information about Happy Mosel, call the Mosellandtouristik information office in Bernkastel, at 06531-2952. For information about train transportation, call the Deutsche Bundesbahn or Federal Rail at 0651-142-2433. Go to www.mosel.de for a German schedule of events.

Out and about



■Have fun at Trier's annual Europa volksfestival today through Monday. Find rides, including a roller coaster, as well as music, entertainment, a variety of food and much more. Pony rides will be available for children.

■Set yourself back to medieval times now through June 10 at the Vianden Castle in Luxembourg. Medieval plays, food, exhibitions, music and more take place. Go to www.castle.vianden.lu for more details.

■See Guns n' Roses, Limp Bizkit, Radiohead, Tool, Papa Roach, A-Ha, Him, Echt, Reamonn, Samy Deluxe, 3 Doors Down, K'S Choice, Thumb and other bands in concert during the 2001 Rock at the Ring open air festival. A limited number of last-minute tickets will be available at the door prior to the event.

■Visit one of several flea markets Sunday inside the Trier Messepark hall, in front of the Trier Ratio department store, on Trier-West Hornstrasse, along the Zeltingen Mosel shore, inside and outside the Pruem market hall, at the Piesport Moseltal hall, at the Daun train station, at the Koblenz Alte Viehmarkt hall, inside the Mayen pedestrian zone and in Bollandorf, Luxembourg.

■Plan to see the world-famous star tenor singer Jose Carreras in concert June 29 at 9 p.m. at Luxembourg-Kirchberg. This event with the title "Classic Open Air" will attract many visitors from Germany and the Benelux. Tickets can be reserved at 00352-507750 or at fax number 504916.

■Make plans to attend the

Rheinland-Pfalz Tag 2001 June 15-17 in Landau. It's the biggest folk festival of the state, offering German and American forces static displays, historical information booths, art and culture, a children's festival, open air concerts, a parade through the city and German food. For more information, call 06341-13183 or visit www.Rlp-tag.de.

■Plan to attend Trier's annual Altstadtfest or old city festival June 22-24, offering music by numerous bands, lots of food and entertainment everywhere in the city.

■Cochem castle recently opened for the 2001 summer season. The castle, located within 15 minutes walking distance of the town of Cochem, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Entry is 7 DM for adults and 6 DM for children. Groups of 12 and more people pay 6 DM each.

■Purchase tickets now for Trier's historical open-air plays of the city's annual Antiquity Festival June 27 through July 22.

■Gondorf Eifel Park recently opened for the 2001 season. Park information will be featured in an upcoming issue of the Eifel Times.

■Art enthusiasts can see paintings by numerous German artists in the Trier Simeonstift city museum, located near the Porta Nigra. The show is open daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Subjects relate to the 1930s. Visit the museum's Web site at www.museum-trier.de for details.

■People interested in joining a Linux users group based in Geilenkirchen, Germany, should contact

Chris Bragg at chris@gklug.org or visit the group's Web site at <http://gklug.org>.

■A limited number of tickets are available for the Glenn Miller Orchestra playing at 9 p.m. Sunday in the Luxembourg Wiltz Open-Air Theater. Musical highlights include song titles, "In the Mood," "Moonlight Serenade," "Rhapsody in Blue" and more. Call 0651-41253 or 0651-9941188 for tickets.

■People interested in playing paintball games each Saturday should contact Morgan at morgan@topsurf.com or call 06568-93063.

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Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in June. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg Annex community center at 452-9120 for details.

■Paris express, June 9. Cost is \$35 for adults, \$30 for children 4-17.

■Amsterdam express, June 9. Cost is \$70 for adults, \$65 for children 3-12.

■Black Forest express, June 9. Cost is \$55 for adults, \$45 for children 3-12.

■Rhein River cruise, June 10. Cost is \$39 for adults, \$29 for children 4-13.

■London express, June 15-16. Cost is \$99 for adults, \$89 for children 3-12.

■Cochem medieval dinner, June 16. Cost is \$65 per person.

■Castle Drachenfels, Birkenstock factory and dinner at the Outback Steak House, June 16. Cost is \$35 for adults, \$25 for children 4-17.

■Mosel River cruise, dinner and wine tasting, June 16. Cost is \$48 per person.

■Cologne zoo and aquarium, June 17. Cost is \$30 for adults, \$25 for children 4-17.

■Paris Air Show express, June 23. Cost is \$65 per person.

■Paris Air Show and overnight stay, June 23-24. Cost is \$195 for adults and \$135 for children 3-12.

■Belgian grottos and safari park, June 23. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$35 for children.

■Phantasialand theme park, June 24. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$15 for children 3 and under.

■Zell wine festival, June 30. Cost is \$25 for adults, \$20 for children 3-12.

■Six Flags Over Holland, June 30. Cost is \$59 for adults, \$49 for children 39- to 55-inches tall.

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The outdoor recreation program sponsors the following trips in June. Call 452-7176 for details.

■Through October, outdoor recreation offers family trips the second weekend of each month. The first is to Europa Park Fantasy Land, Germany, June 9-10. Double-occupancy room is \$125 for adults, \$110 for children 4-11. Quadruple-occupancy room is \$110 for adults, \$90 for children. Price includes transportation, lodging, breakfast and two-day park entrance fees.

■Saar River bike ride, June 23. Cost is \$25 with bike rental, \$20 with own bike. Minimum age is 12.